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## The President at Memphis.

The President's Memphis speech was the last of the series. On the way back from the Louisiana canebrake he will stop at Nashville and visit the tomb of Jackson, but his remarks on that occasion will probably treat more strongly of a striking past personality than of present public policies. Mr. Roosevelt, as does every virile American, greatly admires the character of Old Hickory, and will bear warm testimony to his feelings on this visit. Not unlikely he appreciates the likeness that some people draw between him and the hero of New Orleans more than the one other people draw between him and the German emperor. Whatever his faults, Mr. Roosevelt's virtues are distinctly American.

Yesterday the President gave the country something very large to think about. Undoubtedly the three projects he described as being above party divisions were not too highly appraised. We are all equally interested in an adequate navy, in the early completion, and then the proper control, of the Panama canal, and in bringing the leading inland waterways up to a larger degree of usefulness. Whether, as the President in an earlier speech said, a man lives in sight of the sea or a thousand miles from it, he has a stake in policies which have for their object the increase of the national power and resources. That text will produce a good sermon for any and every state in the Union.

The President is committed, and now for Congress. It is for Congress to furnish the money, and the amount will be large. And not only that, but Congress must approve plans. The President's note of caution, twice sounded, on that score will not be lost.

Congress, then, at the coming session will have topics other than political to discuss. Politics will not be forgotten, we may all be sure. Both sides will remember that a presidential election is approaching, and that good strong partisan talk helps at such a time. But along with this it will be well to let the eagle scream for all. The old bird is not in need particularly of exercise. There are no cobwebs in its throat, nor are its wings stiff. It finds its way, as of old, easily to the heights, and "floats amid the blinding beams of morning." But make way once more, and "let her go, Gallagher!" A little screaming now and then is good for eagles, cock or hen. Our bird, by general consent, is of the male variety.

## Coal for the Fleet.

It would have been deplorable if a strict construction of the statutes had prevented the Navy Department from employing foreign vessels for the transport of coal for the battleship fleet in its cruise to the Pacific. A rigid reading of the law might have interfered seriously with the coaling of the fleet, save at such extortionate prices as to cause the expedition to cost out of all proportion. Fortunately Attorney General Bonaparte has rendered a decision which clears the way for the letting of coal carrying contracts to the lowest bidders, and thus a needed lesson may be taught to those American vessel owners who thought to take advantage of the government's supposed limitations and necessities.

It is of course always desirable that American bottoms should be used by the government whenever it has trade for the mercantile marine. Our commercial navy is in urgent need of encouragement and support. But it will never thrive on the flimsy basis of indirect subsidies, such as excessive payments for coal carrying under a hard-and-fast rule of law requiring all government fuel to be shipped in domestic vessels. If it requires bolstering and stimulating by law the process must take the form of direct subsidizing. That question remains for Congress finally to answer affirmatively or negatively.

Secretary McElwaine adopted the proper course in applying to the Attorney General for a rule that would clear away doubts and expedite the letting of the contracts. In the face of the reply rendered by the Attorney General it is difficult to say how any obstacle to the sailing and coaling of the fleet can possibly be raised by the disappointed would-be extortioners. Their experience may possibly demonstrate that those who try to make undue profits out of an emergency do not always have plain sailing. The war with Spain demonstrated in a lamentable fashion that in some quarters patriotism assumes the strange form of business enterprise, and it is plain that the government is not disposed at this juncture to be mulcted afresh.

Germany does not approve of the Mormon agents who have been making converts in Europe. America having already all the Mormons it can conveniently take care of, is disposed to share the sentiment.

## Japanese War Talk in Europe.

European commentators upon American politics and foreign relations are evidently not keeping in close touch with the news of the day. They seem to have overlooked one of the most important of late items—that which told of the hearty welcome accorded in Japan to Secretary Taft and which reported his words about the dispatch of the battleship fleet to the Pacific. As we read the news on this side of the Atlantic, Japan, especially official Japan, is far from being disturbed over the situation. It no longer feels, if it ever felt, any apprehension concerning the project of sending a fleet of warships from one American coast to the other. But the Europeans who make a specialty of discussing American affairs seem to take another view of the case. According to recent cablegrams prevailing sentiment on the continent at present is that if the warships sail around the Horn war will surely follow. The sage ones who offer this prediction are reported as marveling that the United States should take the risk. They see nothing in the proposed voyage but a provocation to Japan, and, as the dispatch states, "they will await the outcome with lively impatience."

If there were at this time any possible cause for war between the United States and Japan this sort of reasoning might be persuasive. But, unhappily for the European pessimists, there is at this moment not the slightest reason to apprehend a

conflict, not the least basis for a difficulty, not a single excuse for serious friction. It is true that some time ago mobs formed in San Francisco and wantonly abused a few of the Japanese there resident, and destroyed some property, for the replacement or payment of which proceedings are now in course of prosecution. A more serious situation than the mobbing of the Japanese arose earlier when the city of San Francisco undertook to discriminate against the children of the Asiatics in the matter of providing school accommodations. But this matter has been amicably adjusted. Meanwhile a far more acute outbreak of anti-Japanese sentiment than any that has ever developed in the United States has occurred in British Columbia, and at this moment England, Japan's formal ally, is at the embarrassing point of explaining and apologizing and taking measures to prevent recurrence of this kind of bad behavior on the part of its Canadian subjects. There is, indeed, more reason to look for a war between England and Japan at this writing than for a conflict between Japan and the United States.

But neither is probable. Indeed, it is virtually impossible for Japan to go to war with any power at present. Lacking an incentive, a cause and a war fund, the matter of the dispatch of a few battleships on a practice cruise into Pacific waters, where American interests are at this time paramount over those of any other single power, cannot for a moment be considered as likely to provoke Japan into war, especially with its best friend.

## Ivins and Hughes.

It has been suggested that the Hughes presidential boom is weak because he could not well be spared from Albany; that the people are so thoroughly satisfied with him as governor that they will insist upon his accepting a second term in that office. There can be no doubt that Gov. Hughes has made an unusually strong impression, and that the people of New York endorse all that he has so far done. A second term would appear to be easily within his grasp, and two years more at Albany after his present term expires would afford him opportunity to do a great deal for the state.

But would reform along the lines laid down by Gov. Hughes be halted or abandoned if he were to transfer to the larger field here? What's the matter with William M. Ivins? Why would not he make a good governor? And why could not the republicans win with him as their candidate?

Mr. Ivins is the older, but is a man of the Hughes order. Not a politician, nor magnetic, nor eloquent, nor chummy, he is yet able and earnest and thorough, and ranks high as a lawyer. He is doing some work now which the people of New York should highly appreciate. He is showing all of Mr. Hughes' skill as an examiner of witnesses, and all of his knowledge of the business in hand. It is another case of calling a man from private life for public service of an important character, and finding him fully equal to the emergency. Mr. Hughes in Mr. Ivins' place could not do better, and it is a compliment to Mr. Ivins to say that he is coming up to the Hughes mark.

Next year's New York problem, therefore, if it should turn upon keeping a man of the Hughes stamp at Albany, need not be solved by keeping Mr. Hughes himself there. If the people want his work to go on there is another man of like character for the job. Mr. Ivins would appear to be perfectly suited to the business. He has the Hughes knack of going to the root of things and getting the facts; and lobbyists and dispensers of "yellow dog" funds are very uncomfortable in his hands. Why should he not make an excellent governor, and continue the work Mr. Hughes has so well begun?

## Seven Bears Marked for Sacrifice.

Seven big bears have been "located" in the Louisiana cane brakes, where the President is to hunt. If the observations of the guide who trailed the game in advance are accurate Mr. Roosevelt will have good sport. It will have been highly satisfactory to him, doubtless, if he comes out of the brake with seven skins, one more skin than the number of speeches he delivered on his way to the hunt. While the President is in the brakes shooting the world outside will have no communication with him, save through the narrowest possible official channels. He will be lost to society and to the gossip. There will, of course, be much speculation regarding his movements and his luck. Wall street will wonder a good deal as to how his mind is turning with reference to the weighty questions with which he will deal in his forthcoming annual message. Some politicians of note will ponder anxiously upon his attitude toward them. Certain aspirants for the presidency will be unable to hold their minds free from the notion that he may run again for the office he holds. There will indeed be no lack of food for thought while the guns are popping and the bears—presumably—are falling.

There are some citizens who would prefer that the chief executive take his outings in a less strenuous manner and go in for milder forms of relaxation than the dangerous work of killing bears. But these citizens reckon without the essence of the President's temperament. He must do things this way or lose his individuality. It is his way.

Caruso managed to remain comparatively serene through his ordeal with the courts in New York. But when Vienna failed to applaud his singing it was too much for his artistic temperament.

It appears that Ida Tarbell's brother is one of the old men whom Mr. Rockefeller's company has squeezed. Standard Oil naturally refused to recognize her as a disinterested reformer.

The Panama canal excavations appear to be going steadily ahead, regardless of whether there are any literary people on hand to report progress or not.

Senator Depew's occasional speeches would indicate that he is at least managing to take a cheery view of men and affairs than Senator Platt does.

Mr. Roosevelt's enthusiastic encouragement may lead E. H. Harriman to look up some means of capitalizing the Mississippi river.

Now and then a sharp struggle for proxies makes a small shareholder in a railroad feel quite important.

It is getting so that magazine articles read like speeches and speeches read like magazine articles.

Wine is a mocker but there is not near the satiric humor in it that there is in a cocktail.

## Hearst.

The Independence League of New York will have to stand up and be counted. Its two candidates for places on the bench of the court of appeals were refused endorsement by both the republicans and the democrats, who fused on two juries already in office. Whether this will be of advantage to Mr. Hearst in his larger, later calculations is a question. The defeat of his judicial candidates may be taken for granted, but if, in the circumstances and under the argument he is

using, he succeeds in rolling up a big vote for them his strength in the state may arrest serious attention as to next year, when, of course, no fusion will be possible between the two old parties. With Hearst on their flank and Tammany, as McCarren charges, playing "fat-head politics," the lot of the New York democrats is just now a most unhappy one.

Discoveries in Paris that taximeters on cabs have been tampered with show that it is almost as hard to get machine-made honesty as the ordinary kind.

Even as good-natured a yachtsman as Sir Thomas Lipton is sometimes tempted to get a little sarcastic.

Native Filipinos are inclined to think they have difficulties enough without struggling with a mortgage.

## SHOOTING STARS.

## The Duty of the Hour.

"How were you impressed by our distinguished visitor's speech?" asked one prominent citizen. "I hadn't thought about forming impressions," replied the other. "As I understand such an occasion, we were not there to criticize, but to give three cheers and to sing 'The Star Spangled Banner.'"

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## A Protest.

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## A True Philosopher.

"Doesn't your wife lecture you sometimes?" asked the relation. "Yes," answered Mr. Meekton; "but I don't mind. I feel safer when she is at home lecturing me than when she is out playing bridge whist."

## A Matter of Disposition.

De candidate he came along A talkin' to de crowd. He shake yoh han' so good an' strong, It shelly makes you proud. His way's de slickest ever wuz. He tells de later' jokes An' stops to ax you how you does. An' how is all de folks.

It ain' foh his intelligence, Although dat's somethin' neat, Nor yet de way he meets expense. When it's his turn to treat, Dat causes us his praise to sing. Dum early until late. De disposition is de thing Dat makes de candidate.

## After the Hindoo.

The gentle Hindoo is having a bad time of it in the northwest. He is imported into Vancouver, where as a subject of King Edward he is to be treated as a good right to go. The Vancouverians chase him across the line into the United States and the people of Washington chase him back. State brisanship and brickbats are working here at cross-purposes.

## Fire a Battalion!

From the Springfield Republican. "Shot up" was the report from Frederick, Md., the other day, and it turned out that the outrage could not be charged against the negro soldiers. The white soldiers of the 3d Artillery and the 13th Cavalry were this time the wretches. If the individual culprits are not discovered, will a battalion or two be discharged without honor?

## Take Their Own Dose.

From the New York Sun. It is good to hear Dr. Osier warning medical students against smoking too much. Smoke is an honored prophylactic of the profession; and of the irritations one has to endure from the sons of Galen, is there one sharper than the solemn authoritative way in which a physician warns you to quit smoking, while cigars bulge insolently in his own pockets?

## The Paramount Issue.

From the Paducah Sun. The repeal of the ordinance prohibiting the town cow from running at large is the issue that is paramount at Murray this year, and state and national politics have been lost sight of by the citizens of that place, so tense is the interest on that question.

## An Ill Wind, Etc.

From the Brooklyn Eagle. Wall street is troubled over the fact that the thousand telegraph operators employed in the street will be called out on Wednesday. But there are compensations. Think how many people in the interior will save their money if they cannot communicate with the street.

## Fearless Admission.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. Somehow, Lemuel Ely Quigg's testimony in the Inter-Met. investigation recalls the encounter between Bonaparte's Zouaves by their colonel, during the civil war: "My men will steal, but they won't lie."

## Is Growing a Halo.

From the New York Star. Now that Judge Landis recognizes the immunity bath, Harriman feels just as much vindicated as one of the other "undesirable citizens."

## Bargains!

From the Baltimore Sun. Your wife would probably prove to you that you could actually save money by going to Europe now.

## A Graft Annex.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. The governor of Pennsylvania proposes to put in prison every grafter in the state. Here is a fine opportunity for somebody to graft \$15,000,000 out of the penitentiary annex contract.

## Hard Work.

From the Springfield Republican. The scoffers who decry the achievements of The Hague peace conference ignore the 200 banquets the delegates have attended.

## Honor He Can't Resign.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Ex-Senator Chandler is out of the Spanish treaty claims commission, but he is still a member of the Ananias Club.

## A Necessary Precaution.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It is sometimes advisable to employ a night watchman to look after men who are as honest as the day is long.

## City of Palaces.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer. If Washington is to be made a city of palaces, surely the Department of Justice should not have the meanest among them.



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